

It's hard to be a teen today
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Communism and Christian response

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COMMUNIST CHALLENGE AND CHRISTIAN RESPONSE

We fear communism's threat to the free world. Are we concerned about its challenge as well? To meet the danger which communism presents without recognizing its challenge is folly. At best it may enable us to obtain military security for the present, but it will not help us to maintain a free world in the future. What is this challenge we must face? Wherein lies communism's appeal to the minds of men?









In theory, both offer hope

Communism makes several ruthless assumptions: that the end justifies the means, that there is no creative Being above that of mortal man, that those who do not support communism are beyond redemption, and that the individual's purpose is to serve the State. These assumptions point up basic differences between communism and Christianity. But in order to understand the growth of communism, we must not assume that its existence is due exclusively to terror and force. For there is no denying that to many people communism has an appeal which is very similar to the appeal of Christianity.

Theoretical communism, like Christianity, emphasizes the need to correct economic and social injustices, to stop the exploitation and oppression of one group in society by another. The Marxist talks of a world free of class conflicts, where each works according to his ability and receives according to his needs. In this Utopia all men are to be free of the selfish desire to possess more than their neighbors. It is a society in which imperialism and exploitation will be absent and where all persons will be treated as brothers, without regard to race or color. Such a world as this is bound to have appeal for those who are hungry, diseased, illiterate, and oppressed. To point out that there is a gap between what Communists preach and what they practice can have



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rms alone cannot stop communism's spread

le effect on people in despair. Any program which promises tem change offers hope for a better life than the one being ved.

Let us be careful that this gap between communism in theory and Communists in practice does not blind us to a similar gap beveen the principles of Christianity and the practices of Christians. We must understand that the appeal of communism is due as much the practices of "Christians" as to the theories of Marx. No learer example of this exists than our attitude toward the Negro. Jan Paton has written in his book, The Christian Approach to 'acial Problems in the Modern World:

"It is sometimes said that Islam and Communism are the great nemies of Christianity in Africa. That is not true; the great nemy of Christianity in Africa is the pseudo-Christianity that can nd a dozen reasons, some of them theological, why the color bar hould be maintained, the pseudo-Christianity that is so contempuous of idealism, that calls love sentimentality, that can call Christ ord, and is so cold to His humbler disciples. . . . There is no place for a color bar in the Christian Church."

A second example of this gap between what Christianity teaches and what Christians practice can be seen in those churches which are little more than reflections on the modern suburban society in which they exist. One could hardly call them institutions fulfilling their role as critics of society in the light of the Christian gospel. One can scarcely see them as instruments of positive leadership in the fight for social, political, and economic justice.

There is also in our "Christian" nation a concept of success which places far more emphasis on the acquiring of material possessions than on the Christian principle embodied in the words, . . . as ye have done it to the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it also to me." In other words, just as our racial practices iolate the parable of the Good Samaritan, our emphasis on material success violates the parable of the Last Judgment. Certainly the philosophy of "business is business" is hardly an accurate rejection of Christianity.

Is the Communist who denies God a gra

Yet we know so many persons who place their jobs or their possessions or even their family interests above their service and deto God. Most "Christians" are as guilty of this idolatry as to Communists are guilty of atheism. Is the Communist who denisted God a greater sinner than the "Christian" who ignores God? The gap can be found in the sin of self-righteousness which the "semade man" often expresses in his contempt for persons on publication relief. It can be found among the citizens of a "self-made nation who express contempt for recipients of foreign aid.

If the appeal of communism is to be greatly reduced, it mube done not only by bringing the truth of Communist practices the attention of the uncommitted peoples, but also by bringing Christian practices more in line with Christian principles. This the great challenge that communism presents to the Christian. It the challenge to make clear to all who find communism attractive that the Christian truly believes in God's equal concern for a human beings. Nowhere has this been better expressed than in the words of John Bennett in Communism and Christianity Today

"This affirmation about God's equal concern for all groups of human beings may seem platitudinous, but think what it means we follow it out consistently. It means that all the ways in whice the privileged few have exploited and lorded it over the masses of men throughout history are an offense to God. It means that it intolerable that there should be any persons, any groups of per sons, who are the victims of policies or systems by which we prof or to which we consent. It means that every child has the same right as every other child to the conditions that are favorable to hi development as a person, the right to be free from malnutrition from the humiliation of racial discrimination and segregation, th right to have access to the means of health and education. It mean that whatever may be said about the importance of avoiding a deal level of equality either in income or status because of the varietie of function that must be performed, and because of the require ments for incentive, all such differences should be relative and pro

er than the "Christian" who ignores God?

sional and should not be allowed to harden and to create chasms etween social classes."

What does all this mean? It means that Christianity can more can meet the challenge of communism—in theory or in practice—those who profess to be Christians are Christians in fact as well in name. And this applies to nations as well as to individuals. It means that although most communist theory and practice are immetrically opposed to the welfare of mankind, certain parts of ommunist theory appear idealistic and offer hope of a better life many in despair. The fact that communism has this appeal resents the Christian world with the challenge to meet these needs—needs which the true Christian would meet even without this hallenge. The state of today's world merely makes the challenge mperative and the failure to meet it disastrous.

Finally, it means that communism's challenge should be met not neerly by military, political and economic means, but by religious s well. This view is well expressed by Roswell Barnes in his book, *Under Orders*:

"Basically, the struggle is for the minds and wills of men. Wherever communism destroys the moral, intellectual, and spiritual integrity of men, freedom loses a battle. The first defense is eligious. Behind that is the political line of defense; and still arther back, the economic. The last desperate and probably futile me is the military; if we retreat to that, or are driven to it because f our ineffectiveness on the primary fronts, the destruction will ngulf us all."

Whether the economic front should be very far behind the regious is a matter of dispute. The point is that if the religious ront truly embodies the fulfillment of Christian imperatives, the conomic and political fronts will be part and parcel of the regious line of defense. The result will be the successful meeting of my challenge the communist world may present.

-Lewis I. Maddocks



in the ROUND

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Which direction JAZZ?







YOUNG PEOPLE'S MUSIC"—that's how my German friend, Karl Lentz, described jazz to me. Karl, still in his twenties, became my friend ause we found a common interest in this kind of musical expression.

I was reminded of Karl's words when the news of Benny Goodman's ip to Russia appeared in all the papers. Then, when Mr. Khrushchev idicated he liked Benny's playing but said, "I don't understand it," I membered that, until after World War II, very few Russians or Eurocans knew much about Swing, Dixieland or the Blues. Fortunately, the cords played by Willis Conover on the Voice of America programs plus aperson performances by Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong, Count Basie and Quincy Jones have caught the fancy of the teens and twenties praccally everywhere throughout the world.

While all of us are benefitting by the fact that many persons overseas are etting to know us better through one aspect of our way of life, some jazz ins in this country are beginning to wonder what will happen when the lore advanced sounds hit distant shores. There is no question in my mind that we should prepare ourselves for a revolution in jazz composition, astrumental technique and rhythmic approach. You can be sure things are a state of confusion when the musicians themselves—men like Sonny ollins, Phineas Newborn, John Coltrane and Lennie Tristano back off to udy, analyze and re-evaluate past influences and current trends in search f direction.

Rollins and others among the early modernists have been mulling over teir problems for six or seven years. As a result, their playing is less tienzied, more mature and definitely more personal.

While all this soul searching has been going on, "soul" jazz began to take old. Among the first recordings were Atlantic's Soul Brothers with Milt ackson and Ray Charles and Plenty Plenty Soul pairing Jackson and Iorace Silver whose compositions, The Preacher, Doodlin' and Soulille (Bluenote) really started the trend. Soul or funky jazz is actually odernized blues—blues with a harder beat, more complex chords and nore drive. Somewhere along the line almost every major jazzman has a bul session to his credit. Newcomers also have a go at it. Harold Corbin Roulette Birdland R52079), for example, has parlayed a single tune, his wn Soul Sister, into an LP which reveals an ability to play fair jazz iano along the lines of Garner and Jamal with a touch of Red Garland. got the impression that Corbin has a lot more to offer and will do better then he finds his own groove.

About when soul jazz was putting an arm on the blues for inspiration, unther Schuller started writing music combining the values of serious

and jazz forms. Now a collector's item, his recording, Music for Bras (Columbia CL941) was the trickle which developed into a flow of thir stream music. Schuller's contribution, Symphony For Brass and Petussion, defined an area of composition which was later refined by collaboration with John Lewis and The Modern Jazz Quartette (Thir Stream Music, Atlantic 1345).

To complicate things further, trumpeter Don Ellis is using an unorthodo, "tone row" method of jazz improvisation with flashes of atonality, pur tonality, rhythm, no rhythm, instrumental and classical touches here an there. This stuff weighs in under the designation of third stream jazz Hortime Passes (Candid Stereo 9004). Despite their being on the weird side Ellis' ideas make fascinating listening as does his more recent New Idea (Prestige New Jazz 8257)—just as hard to understand, just as complex by an even more exciting approach to the beckoning serial music horizon.

Ellis and others are now experimenting with atonality in jazz the was classical composers did over fifty years ago but it will, I suspect, take lot of time to make the disciplines involved sound like something everyon can enjoy. On the other hand, the current changes in meter and rhythreem more likely to gain acceptance very much earlier. A fine record for checking out your liking for other than 2/4 and 4/4 meter in jazz is Dav Brubeck's **Time Further Out** (Columbia CS8490). Here, Dave, with assists from bassist Gene Wright and drummer Joe Morello, plays tunes in 3/4, 5/4, 6/4, 7/4, 8/8 and 9/8 time. As usual, Paul Desmond's sensitive alto work helps give this new Brubeck album top rating. For just a touc of the 3/4 time feeling, hear Johnny Dankworth's African Waltz on "The Most"—Volume V (Roulette Birdland R52075). The balance of this excellent sampler features Count Basie, Sarah Vaughan, Maynard Ferguson, Sonny Stitt, Joe Williams, Louis Bellson and Johnny Smith.

Meanwhile, back to the wellsprings of jazz, dear old Dixieland and th Blues. Champion Jack Dupree (Atlantic 8056), one of the last of the old time blues singers, plays piano and rambles through a dozen of his own compositions. Red Nichols blows a kind of diluted Dixieland horn on Red Nichols and His 5 Pennies (Concert-Disc CS53) and in three number making up part of Lots of Nichols (Concert-Disc CS55); two of the othe three groups led by Rosy McHargue and Carl Halen get a good feeling but Earl Foutz's contribution is sad. Mellow Doc Evans cornet and good clar inet work by Dick Pendleton make "Doc" Evans, A Cure For The Blues (Concert-Disc CS49) worth owning.

Additional Dixie releases include Volume 2 of More Best Of The Dukes of Dixieland (Audio Fidelity AFSD5964) and another re-issue or

ictor (LSP2097) titled **The Dukes of Dixieland** featuring Pete Founin. The AF set is beautifully recorded but doesn't provide enough spots fluent solo effort. Victor's sound via transformation of monophonic cordings to stereo via a "unique electronic process" could stand improveent but Pete comes through despite the Dukes' soggy rhythm section.

An unusually good Blues release is one by Kapp Records—The Blues in't Nothin But a Good Man Feelin' Bad (KS3267) featuring pianist mmy Price and Doc Horse (Al Pittman), an early member of the Ink bots. Vic Dickenson's trombone can be heard if you listen closely. Pittan is a real pleasant surprise with an easy delivery somewhere between Williams and Jimmy Witherspoon. Price cooks along in solid fashion the best date he's ever had.

If you're interested in the history of Jazz, watch for the excellent packges being produced by Columbia under the knowledgeable guidance of
r. John Hammond. Two sets of re-issues are now available and a third
overing the career of the wonderful Mildred Bailey is set for release in
ugust. The first two are A Study In Frustration—Fletcher Henderson
Columbia CL1682/5) and Billie Holiday—The Golden Years (C3L21).
tetcher Henderson, a pioneer among swing band leaders and an arranger
ho "made" the Benny Goodman crew in the thirties has been all but
ompletely neglected by record companies until now. Columbia is to be
ongratulated for bringing Fletcher back for a well deserved hearing.

As for Billie, no one questions her claim to fame as the most influential zz singer of the thirties and forties when she was at the height of her treer. "The Golden Years" covers a good segment of those halcyon days hen Teddy Wilson, Benny, Roy Eldridge, Gene Krupa and Jack Tearden added masterful instrumental touches to her happy, swinging style. Lester Young, also among the side men with Billie, was the inspiration or practically every tenor sax man who began his professional career etween 1935 and 1950. Some of his best work was done with the early asie bands but now and then he recorded with smaller groups. One of these are sessions can be heard on Commodore (FL30, 014), Lester Young With The Kansas City Five. Lester's phrasing, progressions and sense time on both tenor and clarinet make this one of the most indispensable and enduring performances of all time.

In wrapping all this up, I want to mention that Johnny Mathis' album, ive It Up (Columbia CS-8511 or CL-1711) is one of his very best in a eng line of big sellers. He is particularly smooth doing Just Friends, Ace to The Hole, and Crazy In The Heart with fine backing by Nelson Riddle's rechestra.

—Ted Riedeburg



Mary Klein

WHY IS IT HARD T

BE A TEENAGER



Dan Spaulding

IN

Betty McCullough





Jim Pus

We are straddling a picket fence. We are pressured by adults and are pressured by our peers. We feel wind-blown and tossed rough our lives trying to seek a purpose and security. We are being infronted with morals and sex; joy and despair; right and wrong. That is our choice? How can we answer? We try to grasp reality, and le fall short of our goals. This is the eternal struggle of a teenager, but us there is always the feeling that victory is near, and that we will energe adults with maturity and a *real* sense of joy.

-Steve Olsen, Los Angeles, Calif.

Our future is so uncertain. The threat of a nuclear war, which would emolish the world, hangs over our heads. Transportation and immunication have brought more temptations within our reach, arcotics and alcohol have become more serious and widespread because these factors. There are many movies which stimulate our emotions in diversity which stimulates our emotions in the world was a many opportunities to experiment. Adults keep saying that we are getting soft and are not physically fit. But at the same me they invent more machines to do our work. We are growing up a fast-changing world, with many pressures on us to "make good." hus, many teenagers are tempted to get ahead in high school and ter in college by cheating.

—Betty McCullough, Lincoln, Nebr.

ODAY'S WORLD?

Carol Sylvester



World tensions are not the fault of today's teens. And at home, lines of communications with parents are breaking down. Learning to live with and to rise above these problems is youth's biggest job. And today's opportunities are unlimited.



Randy Evans

It's hard to be a teenager in today's world because teens never had it so good. Doing a good job often is the result of sacrifice and hardship. Doing such a good job is very rewarding. But today's American teenagers, for the most part, do not have to make any serious sacrifices or suffer hardships. Our culture does not permit us to worry about whether or not we will eat, but it worries about how much we will eat or what we will select. We are exposed at a very early age to the "pulse" of world and national opinion. It is hard to wait out the years of adolescence, when we're eager to get going. We want desperately to have a part in the decisions that will shape our tomorrow. We sometimes forget that a good educational background will make us more qualified to do our part in the world of tomorrow.

-Randy Evans, Detroit, Mich.

I wake up in the morning to the sound of those who insist that I stop being lazy and start working. I then prepare breakfast, eat and dress hurriedly, and cram a lesson in before catching the bus. For an hour I close my ears to the shouts of children and the blasts of a radio as I ride to school. The walk to physics class is my first real contact with my friends. When we do speak to each other, it's such a one-way talk. We don't really understand each other, nor share our problems or experiences. We simply tell the other person and he or she tells us. Classes come and go. We study for four years in high school and at least four more years of college are ahead. But to what end?

—Mary Klein, Iowa Falls, Ia.



Steve Olson

Betty Behrendes



Allan Wimer



Burnings in Algeria! Berlin youth dig tunnel to free refugees! ung pacifists demonstrate in San Francisco against bombings! Negro nool in the South closed! We, the youth of the world, are pressed the world problems more than any generation before us. What can we about headlines such as the above? Think! It's hard, isn't it? Youth roughout the world today are faced with the difficulty of mixing their igion with the demands of world affairs.

-Carol Sylvester, Merrill, Wis.

In America today the youth are not usually in the spotlight unless is in crime or in minority groups which are active, but are looked two on by the community. The youth today are kept under their rents' wing and their eyes are not open to the world until it is almost b late. We often have a feeling of being picked on by adults, which some cases is true. Youth today must step out into the world, even it is only part way, while they are still in their teens. They must urn some sense of competition, adventure, and fight because, as Leourocher said, "The nice guys always finish in last place."

-Allan Wimer, Harrisburg, Pa.

Teens never had it so good. Opportunities are unlimited! A boy terested in missiles can receive help from foundations to further his plorations. For others, jobs are plentiful. And most teenagers today have ough money of their own to go out and have fun. The automobile is ually within reach of the teen's grasp, and places to go and see are almost nitless. Advice from elders is always there when we want it, and even metimes when we don't want it. These are only a few reasons why I feel that is is the best time teens ever had. And if you don't agree, just open your es and look positively around you.

—Jim Pugh, Minneapolis, Minn.

It's hard to be a teenager in today's world because teens try to ecome what parents, society and their own peers dictate they should ecome. If teenagers do conform to these pressures, they lose so much the very enthusiasm and idealism of youth which is so essential day. If teenagers try to uphold their idealism, they often find emselves outcasts in their home, society, and peer group.

—Betty Behrendes, Warrenton, Mo.

Everyone's attention is focused on the adolescent. Thousands books, many with conflicting views, are written about "teenagers." evenile delinquency is high on the list in the crusade against time. Psychiatrists, doctors, crime experts, and youth counselors make eir living handing out advice to the teenager and his family. Granted, esse experts do a great deal of good, but let's pity the poor boy who ads himself at a fork in the road of life and receives different directions om parents, church, and school.

—Dan Spaulding, Saginaw, Mich





KODAK PHOTO AWARDS 1962

ine teen photographers have been discovered again. Eastman Kodak's annual Photographers Contest gives cash prizes totaling \$12,370 to creative camera artists who emerge from high schools all across the country. From Los Angeles, Cal., Larry Sherwood's icture of reflections in a pool (left) won a \$50 Special Award. "Dawn on the ea" (above) brought Kirby McDaniel of Beaumont, Tex., a \$300 Second Award. And Backstroke" earned a \$50 Special Award for Raymond Tabata of Honolulu, Hawaii.









stuning a sheering fan on film (left above) won David Harris of State College, Pagisto Special Award. "Master Craftsman," a study it creative chiefing took the same see for Gene Hendricks, a student from Sublimity. One And resers in action was the room photographic theme for Bucky Maurin of Los Angeles, Call His picture. They're ff!" (above) received a \$200 Third Award in the contest.



Why politics so soon?

I would like to thank you for the space given in the May 27 issue Youth to our YMCA Youth and Government program. We have high hopes that it can and will provide tomorrow's needed leaders." This not from John Parkyn of La Crosse, Wis., alerted Youth magazine to the fat that the United Church of Christ had another YMCA Youth Governor its midst.

John Parkyn is to Wisconsin what Gary Cunningham (featured in of May 27 issue) is to Missouri. Both are YMCA Youth Governors for 196 Both are outstanding teenagers. Both are contributing citizens to the li of their school, community, and state.

What prompts these young men to take on so many responsibilities: soon? John feels that the pledge which he and other youth gave on May in the city of Madison, Wis., is a compact statement of the "reason for ou attempts to promote knowledge and interest in our Government."

Since the responsibilities of leadership are already upon me and because they a preparing me for the increased demands and opening opportunities of tomorrow-I therefore will do my utmost in every present circumstance:

To give myself to noble causes without thought of personal gain. To place personal integrity above pride, position or power.

To learn and practice self-control, using my ears more than my tongue.

To be a creative force for good—never negative and destructive in acts and attitud—always a part of the solution and never a part of the problem.

To be unashamed of my convictions nor have convictions that shame me.

To promote peace—fulfill freedom's demands—hold high the worth and dignity every human being.



To follow fearlessly and faithfully in own way, the GOD who has made all.

so doing—I will be ready for any trust in may place in me now or at any time.

Behind his name, John can list pages of the highest honors which school, urch, Boy Scouts and community can bestow on any young person. To me the major achievements, he's an honor student in the upper ten per nt of his class, president of the Northern Synod Youth Fellowship of the lited Church of Christ, an Eagle Scout and holder of the God and Country ward, scholarship winner in the Legion Oratorical Contest, holds a degree excellence in the National Forensics League, is marksman first class in e National Rifle Association, band manager, member of the varsity track uad and a tournament golfer. If accepted, he hopes to go to the U. S. ilitary Academy in 1963.

But honors can be empty unless a person's beliefs and actions back them b. If John's opening address as Youth Governor to the joint session of e Wisconsin legislature speaks for his beliefs and the way he hopes to eact them, he is serving well as a representative of youth and as an in-

vidual who knows what it will cost to keep democracy alive:

The question has been asked: can this generation handle the problems of day? Will this generation do the job of taking on the biggest problems ankind has ever faced? Those kids? We know the answer. It is yes, so

at is why we are here.

I hope that each and every one of you will get a great deal from this exercience so that you are ready to meet the challenges of leadership. Someone are said that the life of a democracy is 200 years. I don't have to tell you that two hundred years is almost up for the United States. You will be its aders when that 200 years is up and will be expected to keep this nation long. You must learn early the needs of good democratic government, hy we're here. There is a man in this world who has not only threatened at promised to bury us so I will give you an oath we all must take for berty to live . . . in the words of Thomas Jefferson, President of the United states, "I have sworn Hostility against every form of Tyranny over the mind of man."

THE COUNT DOWN

Four weeks and seven days ago, Colonel Glenn reawaken throughout this country of ours, a greater pride. It was concein heroism, and dedicated to the advancement of mankind.

Now we are living in a great atomic age, testing whether thation, or any nation, can long rebel against other nations and the powerful forces of nature now being unleashed, and long endure.

We are living in a Great Period of time. We are here to decate a portion of our time, and knowledge toward the advancement of peace and the preservation of posterity. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrative cannot hallow all space. The brave Colonel Glenn, who risk his life for his country, has consecrated, reawakened and increase the faith of our people, far above any previous feeble attempt arouse them. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here but it can never forget what he did out there.

It is for us, the people of the United States, to save a place our minds and hearts, that Colonel Glenn, who risked his life in capsule in outer space may not have served in vain. It is rather fus to be dedicated and determined to carry on this cause which I has so nobly advanced; that from this honored man we take is creased devotion to that cause for which he gave, and still giving, his full measure of devotion; that our people here high resolve that Colonel Glenn shall not have served in vain. And the we, the people of this earthly planet, under God, shall not only para a new path to the regions beyond our present horizon, but that we shall also help to promote a universal peace, founded upon the Great Commandment—"Love thy neighbor as thyself," so that the nation, founded upon the God given policy of freedom and democracy shall not weaken and perish from this carth.



With a new six-orbital flight al proaching "The Count Down" stag Bethany Dudley's parody takes of fresh significance. Bethany, who a ninth-grade student in Crow Point Central High School, Crow Point, N.Y., was originally inspire by Col. John Glenn's space fligh She wrote her tribute in the for of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address



d us your story . . .

an we write about just any old that's happened to us?" a high l boy inquired recently about h's fiction award contest. Of e, you can. Tell about "any old" that has happened to you any ay of your life. Or tell about some young person. Or make up a What is life really like? What s people happy or sad? What hapto them that makes them change ow? Write your story with honand reality so that someone else ive it with you, feel happy or sad you, sense its significance with you.

nd your story to Fiction Award, rh magazine, Room 800, 1505 Race Philadelphia 2, Pa. Send us your and address and age. Your story be written by you, either for old or for Youth magazine. Mark manuscript: "Youth fiction d." The deadline is September 1,

is contest is not for professional rs, but for high school young peoIt is for any of you who want to an honest tale well. Send your to us within the next few weeks. read every manuscript, and if is worth printing in Youth magawe'll send you twenty-five dollars.

COVER



STORY

Dark glasses shield that certain look in your eyes, but those dark glasses don't dim the motives behind your eyes. You can't hide what you are. And why hide what you are, if it is good? Why be ashamed of what you are, if it is what you think is right? But what if it is not good? How can you be sure? Surely someone knows. Someone will find you out. Someone wants to help. Not all is lost if you don't like what you are. You can find a new foundation . . . a new direction . . . a new purpose ... a rebirth of what you now are . . . a hope to become what the Creator wants you to be. There is someone who can help . . . someone who has suffered . . . someone who loved and lived as God intended man to do . . . there is someone.

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NORTH CANTON TO PHILADELPHIA



L et's try a spectacular new venture in our Youth Fellowship till year!"

"Yeah, let's do something different for a change."

"Well, how about planning a trip for the whole group?"

"Sounds great! Do you think we could make it to Philadelphia?"

This ambitious conversation was the beginning of nine months of plotti by our 40 energetic teenagers at Zion United Church of Christ in Nor Canton, O. At first glance, the idea of this trip seemed so spectacular the

we felt we really must be dreaming.

"How will we ever be able to finance such a trip?" was the Youth Fello ship's first monumental problem. An estimate of the over \$900 cost near caused us to abandon the idea immediately. With only \$75 in the treasur we would have to do a great deal of work on our "dream." Much to o delight, a series of fortunate events spurred us on. Members of two churcongregations, which were on our trip route, accepted our proposal to surply lodging, suppers and breakfasts for our group. We would be able spend our first night with families from St. Paul's United Church in Sto erstown, Pa., the second night in the homes of people from Salem Unite Church of Christ in Rohrerstown, Pa., and our third evening at the Vountary Service Center in Pottston, Pa., where we could stay for the minim cost of two dollars per person.

We attempted to repay some of this generous hospitality by presenting a play, "The Case of Humanity vs. Pontius Pilate," for each of the church we would be visiting. But we discovered that it's difficult to outgive people



The trip was first a dream. Then hard work. Lots of letters. And adults who cared. Finally came four fast days of new places and faces, sights and insights.

addition to everything else, both churches gave us part of the evening

ring to help pay for the play's royalty fee.

Even with lodging problems settled, we still had to bolster our budget te a bit. Three enthusiastic car washes was step number one. This ture netted us \$140. Next we sponsored a variety show which had been sented by a group of adults from a nearby community. Our North nton audience helped us deposit another \$225 in the bank account. Add amount, plus a \$75 gift from the consistory to our original \$75, and we re left with a deficit of only \$400. Divided among 40 people, the four-trip would cost each teen about \$16 out of his own pocket, which inded six dollars for personal spending. As one parent said, "We can't n afford to keep our daughter at home for that price!"

D-Day (that's our version of Dream Day) arrived at 5 a.m. on Memorial y. Traveling by a chartered Greyhound bus, our first main stop was tysburg, Pa. Here some of us sampled our first Pennsylvania Dutch oking and then were given an interesting, educational tour of the battled. One of our pert girls was so engrossed in the history of this place t she wouldn't let even a full leg cast stop her from climbing the high

tysburg tower to see former President Eisenhower's farm.

Before reaching our first night's destination at Stoverstown, we stopped see the proud and famous horses at the Hanover Shoe farm. Then we not on to freshen up before presenting our play to a capacity audience of

Stoverstown people.

Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster Seminary—both United Church

institutions—and the Amish countryside monopolized the second day of c trip. We visited the college and seminary in the morning and then spetthe afternoon on an Amish country tour through Lancaster County's Gard

Spot of America.

That evening in Rohrerstown our group and our play received the sagenthusiastic reception as the night before. Staying in the homes of chun members at both stops turned out to be one of the most memorable parts the trip. These were "real" people—honest in their hospitality and sincer interested in showing us a good time. Our young people are still talkii about how friendly everyone was toward them, and a few are corresponding with teenagers whom they met during their stay.

Destination-Philadelpia. Our original ambition was realized when spent the third day of our trip there. And Philadelphia was, indeed climactic experience for all of us. Our first item of business was touring to United Church of Christ's national offices in the Schaff Building. To was an eye-opener for many. Our group was amazed at how vast a intricate the administrative duties of the denomination are, and it was

exciting for them to meet the people who carry on this work.

Our tour turned frivolous in the afternoon with lunch at Internation House, shopping in Wanamaker's Department Store, and visiting America Bandstand. Wanamaker's impressed everyone. One girl commented, wish I had a thousand dollars and a month to spend in that store." Wan maker's also confused some. We had our only trip casualty there who one of the fellows lost his sense of direction in the huge basement store as was left to wander by himself for four and one half hours.

Reactions to our appearance and reception on American Bandstand we mixed. But the teens were unanimous in their approval of Dick Clar. They were impressed by his personality and the way he handled his program.

By Friday evening all 45 of us were ready to collapse in the sere beauty that surrounds the Voluntary Service Center near Pottstown. The we were able to take our own "independent" tours of the refreshing count side and indulge in a frisky early morning swim.

Hershey's Chocolate Factory and the story of what its founder, Milt Hershey, had done for the town was our group's last exposure before her ing home. After being on the road for four days and keeping up such peppy pace, we almost expected exhaustion to set in. Not so. One of o teens spoke for everyone's enthusiasm when she said, "I thought it was riot. I wish we were still on the trip."—Carroll C. Luckenbaugh

WE HAD FUN!''



HAT DID YOU THINK OF THE TRIP?

"A very enjoyable venture. It provided each of us with a chance to see w our Eastern neighbors work, live and worship. I'm sure that if we had chance, everyone of us would be more than happy to do it over again."

"I really had a great time. The main reason for its success was that you to share your experiences with your friends."

HAT WAS THE MOST EXCITING PART?

"Just the idea of being on your own, more or less, and seeing new ople."

"To me the most exciting part of the trip was when we put on our play. seemed as though the people really enjoyed it."

"Shopping at Wanamakers."

WHAT WAS MOST DISAPPOINTING?

"Although Bandstand was in a sense exciting, it was also disappointing

"The lack of good air-conditioning on the bus."

"There were no disappointing things on the trip."

WHAT IMPRESSED YOU MOST?

"How hospitable the Pennsylvanians are. There isn't one thing that the wouldn't be glad to do for you. When we stayed at their homes, they may us feel so welcome we hated to leave."

"The Schaff Building taught me to realize how big a network our Churis. I didn't know that there were so many groups which did so much fiall the churches."

"Meeting Dr. Ben Herbster, the president of the United Church of Chrit was the highlight of the tour."

WHAT DID YOU THINK OF AMERICAN BANDSTAND?

"Most of us had never been in a television studio before so it was a reexperience to view the teamwork it takes to produce a show."

"Frankly, I was very disappointed. I had imagined it to be much more of a higher class of people who attended it. Most of the regular kids on the show had gaudy hairdos, and they all went outside for cigarettes after the show. If this is a picture that the world gets of American youth no wond we are criticized so greatly."

"I loved it. But the type of kids that were on it was quite a shock me. They look quite different on a TV set than they do in person."

"It was thrilling to be on television."

WHAT DID YOU THINK OF DICK CLARK?

"I think he is a swell guy. I had heard and read a lot of bad thin about him, but to meet him in person changed my opinion. Of course don't know him personally, but his outward appearance seemed great me."

"Dick Clark to me is an A-No-1 person. He is not only a clean cut g but he also took a real interest in our group's experiences, and gave us fine welcome. It is no wonder the kids on the show idolize him. H worthy of great praise and respect."



uth Fellowship teens from North Canton, O., capped their tour of Philadelphia with a existent appearance on Dick Clark's American Bandstand. Everyone agreed that "it was te an experience to be on the set of a show we've often watched, although it was y different from what we'd imagined. We were surprised and pleased." Guest star slow) was Maureen Gray.







When the network show was over, Bandstand's friendly host signed autographs for 1



"Dick Clark was anything but a disappointment. He made us very welcome."

Barb Bacon's full leg cast didn't hamper conversation with Dick at all.



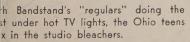




e Midwest. After weeks of wondering, they had seen for themselves what TV was like.



"on the air," two young North dancers were spotlighted on TV across the nation.





"I simply argue that the Cross be raised again at the centre of the market place as well as on the steeple of the church. I am recovering the claim that Jesus was not crucified in a cathedral between two candles, but on a cross between two thieves; on the town garbage heap; at a crossroad so cosmopolitan that they had to write his title in Hebrew and in Latin and in Greek . . .; at the kind of place where cynics talk smut, and thieves curse, and soldiers gamble. Because that is where He died. And that is what He died about. And that is where churchmen should be and what churchmen should be about."

George Macleod

